

Add the following claims:

16. A wiper blade for windshields of motor vehicles, adapted to be driven over a windshield in a driving direction, the wiper blade comprising an elongated rubber-elastic wiping strip which is placeable in contact against a windshield to be wiped; an elongated springing-elastic carrying element which directly holds said elongated rubber-elastic wiping strip substantially parallel to and along a longitudinal axis and which has first and second ends and also upper and lower sides; a connection device for connecting said elongated spring-elastic carrying element to a driven wiper arm, said spring elastic carrying element having a lower surface in continuous surface contact all along its length between said first and second ends with a back surface of said elongated rubber-elastic wiping strip.

17. A wiper blade as defined in claim 16, wherein said connection device has first means adapted to cooperate with the wiper arm and second means cooperating with said elongated springing-elastic carrying element so as to connect said elongated springing-elastic carrying element and said connection device with one another.